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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

### Development of a Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Methylmercury and Total Mercury in the Lower American River and Lake Natoma

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board or Board) staff will hold a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) scoping meeting and public workshop regarding the development of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan amendment). Board staff will be developing a Basin Plan amendment that will add requirements for the control of methylmercury and total mercury in the Lower American River (Nimbus Dam to the confluence with the Sacramento River) and Lake Natoma.

The Lower American River and Lake Natoma are on the 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies because of elevated levels of mercury in fish. Staff is proposing to develop a Basin Plan amendment that will add methylmercury fish tissue objectives and an implementation plan to reduce aqueous and sediment mercury concentrations and methylmercury concentrations in fish.

Supplemental information regarding the proposed amendment is available on the Board's website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/tmdl/central\\_valley\\_projects/american\\_river\\_hg/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/american_river_hg/index.shtml)

This meeting and workshop will provide participants with: (1) an overview of the conditions in the project area; and (2) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed amendment and environmental documentation to be prepared pursuant to CEQA and the Board's certified regulatory program for basin planning (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15251(g) and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3775 et seq.).

#### **SCOPING MEETING/WORKSHOP:**

**Date: July 8, 2010**

**Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Place: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

Directions and location information can be found on the Central Valley Water Board's website: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about\\_us/contact\\_us/sacramento\\_location.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/about_us/contact_us/sacramento_location.pdf)

The facility will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Stephen Louie (contact information below) at least five working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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